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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 12/02/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/25/06
Broiler/fryer	168,798	123,941
Light hens	882	600
Heavy hens	1,530	937

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	185	4	189
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	115	3	118
Same week yr ago	118	0	118
To-date/2006	7,053	50	7,103
To-date/2005	11,841	60	11,901

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	745	925	1,670
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,266	1,718	2,984
Same week yr ago	937	940	1,877
To-date/2006	57,504	69,868	127,372
To-date/2005	78,922	66,436	145,358

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
WEEK ENDING 26-NOV-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	120,513	560	921	1,481
Avg Wt	5.44	3.33	8.07	6.28
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,453	1,151	1,715	2,866
Same wk yr ago	126,447	819	940	1,759
Avg Wt	5.48	3.27	8.25	5.93
To-date/2006	7,569,884	50,451	69,818	120,269
To-date/2005	7,558,850	67,081	66,376	133,457

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 122.0 million head, or 34.7 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-NOV-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
Head	33,024	58,917	17,507	11,065	120,513
Avg Live Wgt	3.85	5.40	6.81	8.17	5.44
% of total /1	27%	49%	15%	9%	100%
Last week	46,410	77,490	22,232	14,321	160,453
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.48	7.08	8.29	5.49
% of total /1	29%	48%	14%	9%	100%
Year Ago 2/	34,174	58,632	24,707	8,934	126,447
Avg Live Wgt	3.80	5.39	6.81	8.77	5.48
% of total /1	27%	46%	20%	7%	100%
To date/2006	2,151,964	3,747,715	1,046,948	623,257	7,569,884
To date/2005	2,202,389	3,657,220	1,259,975	439,266	7,558,850

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-NOV-06  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
Head	2,357	2,757	41	1	5,156
Avg Wt	17.18	36.75	26.77	26.83	27.72
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,835	2,964	62	0	5,861
Same wk yr ago	2,142	2,862	26	7	5,037
Avg Wt	16.23	35.89	26.52	36.79	27.48
To-date/2006	91,439	119,525	1,257	203	212,424
To-date/2005	85,031	119,812	1,144	202	206,189

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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